(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the deadline by which the channel would go on air?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) Prasar Bharati, a statutory autonomous corporation has informed that they have decided to launch an Urdu Channel in January 2006.

National Judicial Council

†55. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to constitute a National Judicial Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its objectives and purposes;

(c) whether consultation with the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Law Commission and the Bar Council of India etc. has been held;

(d) if so, their reaction thereto; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The details for setting up of the National Judicial Council, in consultation with all the state holders, are being worked out.

Bogus voters

56. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports in print media that out of 67 crore voters, 2.5 crore voters are bogus;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken [illegible] bogus voters to ensure credibility [illegible]

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND [illegible]
(a) to (c) The requisite information is [illegible] Table of the House.

Pension [illegible]

†157. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state [illegible]

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that [illegible] the Supreme Court get insufficient amount [illegible] for them to have a decent livelihood;

(b) if so, whether Government would [illegible] anomalies prevailing in the pension [illegible]

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) The service conditions of the Supreme Court Judges including pension and other pensionary benefits payable to them are regulated under the Supreme Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Act, 1958.

Consequent upon revision of pensionary [illegible] Assistant Service, on account of merger of 50% of [illegible] Relief with basic pay/basic pension [illegible] it was felt necessary to give parity in pension [illegible] Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts from [illegible] the rate of pension and family pension of an category [illegible] Courts and Supreme Court are being increased [illegible] from 1.4.2004. It has also been proposed to [illegible] qualifying service to the service of a Supreme Court [illegible] purposes of pension who is directly appointed [illegible]

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